

Minutes for the CalChess Board Meeting held November 13, 2004, 3:00pm at Mike Goodall's house in San Rafael (Meeting called to order at 3:45pm)

Attending: (Board): Richard Koepcke, Elizabeth Shaughnessy, Roger Poehlmann, Eric Hicks, Eric Schiller.
(Counsel): Neil Falconer. (Guests): Mike Goodall.

Absent: John McCumiskey, Steve Stacy, Jacob Green, Michael Aigner.

Interim Business:

Motion 041008: That the CalChess president advise our attorney, Neil Falconer, to prepare a letter for board approval stating that it is the will of the CalChess board that Richard Peterson be instructed to discontinue using the names and/or the logo of CalChess for any of his tournaments or any other business he may be involved in. Further, that our attorney advise us as to the appropriate time to send this letter and its timing vis-a-vis a lawsuit. (email: Shaughnessy/ McCumiskey/Aigner). Passed unanimously.

10/29/04: President recommends that Joe Lonsdale be appointed to the Board to fill the seat vacated by Jesse Dioquino. Formal vote to take place at 11/13/04 meeting.

Accept/Amend Previous Minutes: Minutes for 10/2/04 meeting accepted unanimously without amendment.

Closed Session w/ Counsel (Board Members and Counsel only)

Motion 041113.1 (Schiller): The Board authorizes President to sign a letter to extend 501(c)3 status and tax status. Passed unanimously.

Motion 041113.2 (Koepcke): The Board asks that Counsel file the final version of the proposed lawsuit be filed on Wednesday, November 17, 2004 or when Counsel deems appropriate. Passed unanimously.

Open Session (Counsel leaves meeting, Mike Goodall joins meeting)

President's Report: None.

Treasurer's Report: Will email later (Not received)

Old Business

1. Bank account issues (2 signatures)

Motion 041002.1 required that the new bank account required "two signatures for any transaction of any amount", but the Board has been unable to find any bank that offers such a two-signature account. The new Bank of America account is a one-signature account.

2. Discussion on Structure of CalChess for upcoming year (Koepcke): Tabled.

3. Proposal to move Fiscal Year to September of each year from January. (Koepcke)

Motion 041113.3 (Koepcke): CalChess shall move its fiscal year to September of each year from January.
Passed unanimously.

4. Discussion about Scholastic Director/Scholastic Committee (Shaughnessy): Tabled.

New Business

1. Discussion of e-version of CalChess magazine. (Schiller)

Make available on website with email link. Schiller to supply content of Holiday Issue with scholastic info. Schiller offered a demo version of the issue to be viewed by the Board.

2. Formal vote to appoint Joe Lonsdale to the CalChess board. (Shaughnessy).

Motion 041113.4 (Shaughnessy): Joe Lonsdale is appointed to fill a vacant seat on the Board.
Motion passes 4-0. Ayes: Shaughnessy, Koepcke, Hicks, Poehlmann. Schiller Abstains.

3. Discussion of CalChess Scholastics Tournament

Consensus is that CalChess should make preparations to run its own State Scholastic Championship Tournament.

Location: Blackhawk would be cheaper, but not an impressive venue. Oakland, San Jose, San Mateo (14K w/ chairs), Fort Mason (\$4,200/day, \$2,100 for setup, more for tables and chairs). Greater chance of media attention with Fort Mason venue and is a step up from last year's event.

Date: Mother's Day weekend, May 6-8 available for Fort Mason. Calendar is clear and event will not conflict with other known events.

Schiller would work on media coverage, TV especially, investigate ads in paper. First draft of to-do list.

Hicks would bring giant chess sets, keep kids entertained, arrange a GM simul. Trophies & logistics.

Finances will be tight—push advance entries to purchase trophies.

4. Report on Halloween Scholastic Tournament (Shaughnessy/Koepcke)

No formal report since Jacob Green not in attendance. Money from event not deposited yet, but the event did not lose money. Unused trophies could go to Burlingame/Coastside club.

5. Complaint to Ethics Committee (Shaughnessy). Tabled.

Other Business/Items from the Floor

1. Chess Holiday Party at Mike Goodall's House on December 18, 2004.

2. Membership Secretary Discussion

How to get this work done in a cost-effective manner. Hire a Cal student?

3. Meetings (Schiller)

Meetings are lengthy, locations inconvenient. Consider teleconference meetings for video representation. Instant Message/Yahoo. Complete paper trail. Schiller to sort out technology. In-person meetings should be quarterly. Next meeting suggested for Saturday January 22, 2004.

Meeting Adjourned 6:05pm

Respectfully submitted,

Roger Poehlmann
CalChess Secretary